



Comptroller General
of the United States

Washington, D.C. 20548

Decision

Matter of: Ernst & Young

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DECISION

Ernst & Young protests the award of contracts by the Government National Mortgage Association under solicitation GNMA-97-F-02. We view the protest as academic because, subsequent to the filing of the protest, the agency re-opened discussions and made a new source selection decision.

The jurisdiction of our Office is established by the bid protest provisions of the Competition in Contracting Act of 1984, 31 U.S.C.A. §§ 3551-56 (West Supp. 1997). Our role in resolving bid protests is to ensure that the statutory requirements for full and open competition are met. Brown Assocs. Management Servs., Inc.—Request for Recon., B-235906.3, Mar. 16, 1990, 90-1 CPD ¶ 299.

The General Accounting Office will not consider a protest where the issue presented has no practical consequences with regard to an existing federal government procurement, and thus is of purely academic interest. Since the agency reopened discussions after Ernst & Young protested and made a new source selection decision, the protest based on the prior source selection decision is dismissed.

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